

Prosecutors file new superseding indictment against Maduro, Cabello, Cilia Flores

United States v. Maduro Moros et al. · S.D.N.Y. No. 1:11-cr-00205

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What happened

On January 3, 2026, a superseding indictment (an updated version of the charges) was formally filed against Nicolás Maduro Moros, Diosdado Cabello Rondón, Ramón Rodríguez Chacín, Cilia Adela Flores de Maduro, Nicolás Ernesto Maduro Guerra, and Héctor Rusthenford Guerrero Flores. The document had originally been filed under seal on December 23, 2025 and was now made public. Prosecutors allege that for more than 25 years the defendants participated in a corruption network that enabled the trafficking of thousands of tons of cocaine into the United States, partnering with groups including the FARC, ELN, Sinaloa Cartel, Zetas, and Tren de Aragua.

What it means

The indictment is not a conviction: the defendants retain the presumption of innocence and have not been found guilty of these charges. The filing formalizes and details four counts — narco-terrorism conspiracy, cocaine importation conspiracy, and two firearms-related counts — and seeks forfeiture of assets allegedly obtained through this conduct.

What happens next

Maduro's next hearing is scheduled for November 17, 2026, and trial is set for June 1, 2027.

Key passages from the filing (verbatim)

"For over 25 years, leaders of Venezuela have abused their positions of public trust and corrupted once-legitimate institutions to import tons of cocaine into the United States."

Page 1 — Opens the indictment's core allegation against the defendants.

"Venezuelan officials and their family members—including NICOLÁS MADURO MOROS, DIOSDADO CABELLO RONDÓN, RAMÓN RODRÍGUEZ CHACÍN, CILIA ADELA FLORES DE MADURO, and NICOLÁS ERNESTO MADURO GUERRA... partnered with narcotics traffickers and narco-terrorist groups."

Page 8 — Directly names the defendants covered by this site in connection with the alleged conspiracy.

"NICOLÁS MADURO MOROS, DIOSDADO CABELLO RONDÓN, and RAMÓN RODRÍGUEZ CHACÍN, the defendants, and others known and unknown... intentionally and knowingly combined, conspired, confederated, and agreed together and with each other to violate Title 21, United States Code, Section 960a."

Page 18 — States the specific narco-terrorism conspiracy charge in Count One.

Docket text (official, in English)

(S4) SUPERSEDING REDACTED INDICTMENT FILED as to Nicolas Maduro Moros (2) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, Diosdado Cabello Rondon (3) count(s) 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, Ramon Rodriguez Chacin (7) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, Cilia Adela Flores De Maduro (8) count(s) 2, 3, 4, Nicolas Ernesto Maduro Guerra (9) count(s) 2, 3, 4, Hector Rusthenford Guerrero Flores (10) count(s) 2, 3, 4. (jm)(Originally filed under seal on 12/23/25) (Entered: 01/03/2026)

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